IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-22 are canceled. Claims 26 and 31 are amended. All pending claims and their present status are produced below.

1-22. (Canceled)

23. (Original) A method for tracking historical data from different sources, comprising:

processing source-specific data originating at sources with disparate formats into

source-independent data with a single, common format;

storing the source-independent data;

automatically determining dimensions of the stored data having historically

significant attributes; and

in response to a change to a dimension having a historically significant attribute,

creating a historical record of the change.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

in response to a change to a dimension without a historically significant attribute,

overwriting the dimension.

25. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein creating a historical record of the change further comprises:

maintaining the stored dimension having a historically significant attribute in a first

record; and

storing the change to the dimension having a historically significant attribute in a

second record.

26. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking historical data from different sources,

comprising:

processing source-specific data originating at sources with disparate formats into

source-independent data with a single, common format;

storing the source-independent data;

automatically determining dimensions of the stored data having historically

significant attributes;

in response to a change to a dimension having a historically significant attribute,

creating a historical record of the change, ~~The method of claim 23,~~ wherein

creating a historical record of the change further comprises:

creating a first record for the stored dimension having a historically significant

attribute;

generating a first key;

associating the first key with the first record;

creating a second record to store the change to the dimension having a

historically significant attribute;

re-associating the first key with the second record;

generating a second key; and

associating the second key with the first record.

27.   (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein processing source-specific data

originating at sources with disparate formats into source-independent data with a single,

common format further comprises:

performing source-related clean up.

28.   (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein processing source-specific data originating at sources with disparate formats into source-independent data with a single, common format further comprises:

configuring unique key identification information.

29.   (Original) A computer program product for tracking historical data from different sources, comprising:

a computer-readable medium; and

computer program code, encoded on the medium, for controlling a computer system to perform the operations of:

processing source-specific data originating at sources with disparate formats into source-independent data with a single, common format;

storing the source-independent data;

automatically determining dimensions of the stored data having historically significant attributes; and

in response to a change to a dimension having a historically significant attribute, creating a historical record of the change.

30.   (Original) A system for tracking historical data from different sources, comprising:

a source adapter for processing source-specific data originating at sources with disparate formats into source-independent data with a single, common format; and

an analytic data interface for storing the source-independent data, automatically determining dimensions of the stored data having historically significant

attributes, and creating a historical record of a change to a dimension having a historically significant attribute.

31.   (Currently Amended) <u>A system for tracking historical data from different sources,</u> <u>comprising:</u>

     <u>a source adapter for processing source-specific data originating at sources with</u>

        <u>disparate formats into source-independent data with a single, common format;</u>

        <u>and</u>

     <u>an analytic data interface for storing the source-independent data, automatically</u>

        <u>determining dimensions of the stored data having historically significant</u>

        <u>attributes, and creating a historical record of a change to a dimension having a</u>

        <u>historically significant attribute,</u> ~~The system of claim 30,~~ wherein the analytic

        data interface further comprises:

        a record generation module for storing dimensions;

        a key generation module for generating keys to uniquely identify records; and

        an association module for associating and re-associating selected keys with

            selected records.